

1 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78**

2 (By Delegates Hartman and D. Campbell)

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6 Requesting the Division of Highways to name bridge number 42-33-
7 23.03, on US 33 crossing the Cheat River which is about ten
8 miles east of Elkins, West Virginia, the "Sergeant Robert
9 Dewey Thompson Memorial Bridge"; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Dewey Thompson was born on October 10, 1944 to
11 Dewey and Margie Thompson in Wymer, West Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Thompson entered the service on September 20,
13 1965 and trained at Fort Bevens, Massachusetts; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson achieved the rank of Sergeant in the
15 196th Light Infantry Brigade; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Thompson tragically died while bravely
17 serving his country on May 23, 1967 as a result of an exploding
18 land mine in Vietnam; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Thompson was posthumously awarded the Purple
20 Heart, Bronze Star and various awards from the South Vietnamese
21 government; therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

23 That the Legislature hereby requests the Commissioner of the
24 Division of Highways to name bridge number 42-33-23.03, located on

1 US 33 crossing the Cheat River which is about ten miles east of
2 Elkins, West Virginia, the "Sergeant Robert Dewey Thompson Memorial
3 Bridge"; and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Commissioner of the Division of
5 Highways is hereby requested to cause to be fabricated signs to be
6 erected at each entry of said bridge, containing bold and prominent
7 letters proclaiming the bridge to be the "Sergeant Robert Dewey
8 Thompson Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
10 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
11 Transportation, the Commissioner of the Division of Highways, and
12 the surviving family of Robert Dewey Thompson.